

IT IS HENCEFORTH the permanent policy of this paper to support no candidate for public office unless such candidate publicly makes his position clear and satisfactory on the subject of political Romanism; and no preference or favor will be given any political party which does not make a like satisfactory declaration in its platform. Politicians will save time and expense by understanding that this paper's influence is not for sale.

PRIESTS CAN OBTAIN ANY QUANTITY OF WINE WITHOUT MAKING AFFIDAVIT

"Communion" Label and Bishop's Approval the Only Essentials Under "Amended Regulations"

A San Francisco firm, which purports to be headquarters for sacramental wines, issues a circular letter which indicates that prohibition has been so amended by some body that there is little danger of its causing a drouth among the bishop-bossed clergy. Its substance is as follows:

TO THE REVEREND CLERGY OF THE UNITED STATES:

Reverend & Dear Sirs: We are pleased to advise our patrons that the Government regulations which went into effect on July 1st, prohibiting the purchase of more than a three months' supply of Communion wine at any one time, and then only under oath, have been considerably modified.

Under the amended regulations no affidavit is necessary, nor is the quantity of Communion wine obtainable by a church or congregation limited, provided the purchase has the approval of the bishop. A rector or priest in charge may now procure wine for sacramental or Communion purposes by filling out and signing two copies of the enclosed form of application and sending them to his bishop for approval. The bishop, or his nominee, after signifying his approval, under the seal of the diocese or jurisdiction, will return one copy to the rector or priest, and send the other copy to us so that we may ship the wine. In addition to this, of course, the various state regulations governing sacramental wine shipments must be complied with.

Communion wine can only be procured in this way from the producer, however. The affidavit is still necessary and the quantity limited to a three months' supply where wine is either purchased from a dealer or without the bishop's approval.

With renewed thanks to the Reverend Clergy for their continued loyal support and commendation, we are,
Very faithfully yours,
BROS. & CHAS.

So again prohibition has been so amended and regulated that it does not prohibit. Of course it prohibits the great mass of law-abiding citizens from buying and selling alcoholic beverages; but the amendments and regulations added by administrators of the law create a privileged clerical class who can re-stock their wine cellars without restriction or limitation.

The prohibition law means one thing to the many, and quite another thing to the bishops and their pet priests. Is that the kind of law and law enforcement that com-

mands respect? Will that sort of discrimination disprove the anarchist's doctrine that law is a farce?

When beer-drinking workmen were deprived of their beverage, some of them threatened to strike; but they were reminded that it would be unpatriotic to strike in time of war. When they chafed up "No beer, no work" on the factory wall, some wag added "no brains" to the inscription, everybody laughed, and wet workmen drowned their disappointment in pump water.

But when prohibition hit the high and mighty priests, there was a mighty wall of "No wine, no mass." Every politician sat up and took notice. It was another case of no brains, but it was no joke. It had to be taken seriously because it was the preachment of priestcraft. No exception was necessary in the case of the brainless workman, but the brainless public was soon shown that wine is essential to religion. It was indeed a case of no brains and of excessively long ears.

But exception of wine for sacramental purposes was not enough for the bibbers. It is evident that they demanded the "amended regulations" or they would not have secured the regulated amendment with its unlimited permit and privilege.

At least two morals are deducible from this law-dodging privilege accorded to priestcraft: if you want to go successfully into the bootlegging industry with assurance of getting the goods in unlimited quantity, be sure that your religion is right and your bishop is willing; and, if you want to dodge any law enacted by the people, put yourself under the papal law and the patronage of its authorized administrators.

There is yet another moral for those who respect law and are interested in its impartial enforcement: get rid of political Romanism in this country and of the priestcraft which uses it for its own sensual purposes.

MORE QUESTIONS FOR THE FAKE PRESIDENT

Published by Representative of Portland, Patriots

De Valera, the papal tool and Sinn Fein agitator, is finding the Pacific Coast climate less favorable to his treasonable program than eastern hotbeds of Catholic kultur.

Ex-soldiers removed the tri-colored rag from his triumphal chariot in Portland which he displays beside the Stars and Stripes as the pretended flag of the pretended republic of Ireland; and the following questionnaire was printed in one of the local papers:

AN OPEN LETTER TO EAMON DE VALERA, ALLEGED AND PRETENDED "PRESIDENT OF IRELAND"

DEAR SIR: If your pretended mission to the people of the United States be bona fide, you wish to convince all real and true friends of freedom of the justice of your cause. These people would be enlightened and obligated by your full and frank answers to the following questions:

- 1—Explain how you became "President of Ireland."
- 2—Are not you and your supporters attempting to organize armed revolt against the British empire?
- 3—Is not Ireland now as free as England, Scotland, or Wales?
- 4—Are not your people attempting and offering to sell the bonds of a pretended government which is without assets with which to pay them?
- 5—Did not your supporters in Ireland counsel with and give assistance to and receive aid and support from the Germans during the late war?
- 6—Is it not true that you and your supporters in America have been and are receiving financial support from members of so-called labor unions and nationalities in the United States who during the late war were and still are loyal to the United States?
- 7—Is your movement not a sectarian religious one merely, as Sir Edward Carson says it is?
- 8—Would not an overwhelming majority of the citizens of a Republic consisting of the whole of Ireland belong to one religious sect?
- 9—Why is it that your committees and organizations in the United States are composed of prominent laymen and priests and archbishops of one religious sect, and why do the newspapers owned

or controlled by members of that sect publish your propaganda and refuse to publish anything opposed to you?

10—Would you favor the adoption of a constitution for Ireland which guarantees absolute religious freedom to all citizens, which prohibits the establishment of a state church, which prohibits the employment of chaplains of any sect at public expense and which guarantees and compels the education of children in free public schools wherein no sectarian religious instruction is permitted and wherein no teacher would be permitted to wear the dress or insignia of any religious sect; and which also prohibits the expenditure of any public money by or for a sectarian institution or purpose of any kind? Would you be in favor of maintaining these guarantees in good faith by prohibiting the amendment of the religious article of any constitution except by a vote of say 90 per cent of all the Irish people in the republic?

Dated Portland, Oregon, November 14, 1919.

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Patriotic Committee of Portland, Oregon,

402 Railway Exchange Building.

THE PITTSFIELD ISSUE

Patriots Oppose Papist Attempt to Control City Schools

Attempts to select a superintendent of schools by the Pittsfield, Mass., board of education have brought on the inevitable conflict. On its surface the question agitating Pittsfield and its board of education is as to whether one Mr. Gannon or someone else shall be chosen to superintend education in that city; but beneath the matter of personal choice is the fundamental and more important question of whether the schools shall be administered by their friends or controlled by their enemies.

Gannon is the Roman Catholic candidate. He has the solid support of the Knights of Columbus and other Roman Catholic interests; but there is a deadlock with seven board members voting in his favor and seven opposed. The mayor might cast the deciding vote, but does not choose to do so; and there the matter may stand until after the election in December which gives the people of Pittsfield the opportunity to decide the question for themselves.

There are personalities and the

stealing of a letter from the files of a public office, and other things of that magnitude to be considered; but Pittsfield citizens who want to think right and vote right should remember that the one question worth while is whether their schools shall be officered, taught and controlled by people who believe in them, or whether those schools shall be turned over to a class of people who religiously believe and teach that the public school is Godless and therefore unfit for their children to attend.

Rome's press and hierarchy have long and persistently condemned our American public school system; and the material proof of their hostility is in their own system of parochial schools which they maintain in competition with the public school. Twenty thousand Roman Catholic priests in the United States are a unit in forbidding Catholic parents to patronize the state schools.

Priests and papist editors have declared and persist in declaring that the public school is immoral and unfit for Roman Catholic pupils. If that is their honest belief why do Romanists persist in seeking positions as teachers and school officers? Why do they try to control that which they condemn if not to further discredit it and finally destroy it?

But do not be fooled with the camouflage and specious argument that Rome's anti-public school attitude is due to religion. The fact is that the public schools do not teach the one thing which is of importance to the Roman Catholic clergy and their emperor, the pope.

Pope Leo XIII revealed the essence of what papal subjects must believe when he declared in one of his encyclical letters that the pope stands in the place of God Almighty on this earth. The public school does not and cannot teach that monstrous absurdity which is so necessary to Catholic faith.

That is why Rome sets up its own school system—a system that is strong on Catholic catechism and on the pope's claim to supreme authority concerning the rightness and wrongness of everything. The citizens of Pittsfield would do well to consider these important fundamental facts before voting for officers to manage their public schools.

If this man Gannon were otherwise the best qualified superintendent of teachers on earth, his necessary lack of regard for free unsectarian education should bar him or any of his kind from consideration. It is not a personal matter, but a matter of pertinent principle. It is a safe conclusion that the non-Catholic population of Pittsfield wish their schools to be successful so they can render the best possible service to pupils of the present and future.

Such being the case, what can they do and what else dare they do than to put friends and faithful friends of the public school system into such important positions as members of their board of education, as superintendent of their schools, and as teachers?

The little campaign in Pittsfield involves the big question of Americanism vs. Romanism—of schools that teach Americanism vs. those which teach popery and papal supremacy. You may be assured that popery will never let its opponents teach in or superintend its parochial schools. Why, then, should earnest Americans permit the corruption of the public school by papists?

The Great Tax Dodger

The great Roman Catholic corporation, which masquerades as a church, owns some 3,445 acres of land in the city of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, Ohio, according to the last list of tax exempt property published in 1913.

How is that for a graft—three thousand acres of land much of which is in the heart of a great city where values soar skyward—all exempt from taxation? Is it any wonder that those who pay on their little holdings sometimes complain of the burden?

Make a rough calculation of taxes usually paid on that quantity of city and suburban property, and you will have an idea of the extent to which the Italian pope's world-wide business is subsidized in one American city.

One of the papal propaganda's campaigns of graft is to sell every public and school library a set of the so-called Catholic Encyclopedia. There is profit as well as propagation of superstition in the scheme.

HOW PRIESTCRAFT INTIMIDATES PRESS

Frank Confession from One Roman Catholic Editor

Rome has at three hundred publications in the United States, a few of which are written for their effect on the public and for circulation among non-Catholics. Those few Sunday Visitors, Harmonizers, Antidotes, etc. are careful to preach popery as they would have the public to see it; but the great mass of parish monthlies and diocesan organs are quite frank in advocacy of the boycott and strong-arm methods so long used by the Inquisition.

Among the many of Rome's periodicals which usually circulate among papists only, and which therefore do not patch so many fig-leaves to cover the naked truth, is the official Roman Catholic sodality organ called *The Queen's Work* which is published at St. Louis. The November number contains the following editorial the brutal frankness of which is more than interesting:

Curbing the Press

The daily papers are sometimes very unjust to Catholic interests and make remarks which show a huge ignorance of Catholic practice and doctrine. What is to be done? True, the individual can do very little unless he or she has some particular influence; but it is not at all hard to secure justice and redress and prevent a repetition of the offense if one knows how to go about it. Editors must be solicited to cater to the awful will of the ordinary reader and would rather offend the president of the United States than antagonize the man in the street.

An interesting instance of this truth occurred not long ago in one of our Eastern cities. The paper in question had savagely attacked a Catholic institution without any color of excuse. One of the pastors of the city wrote to the editor to demand a just retraction. He was answered that none would be made, that the editor did not wish any interference or advice in the management of his paper.

Fortwith the pastor took measures. In concert with several other pastors of the city he advised his parishioners to stop buying the paper—which cared so little for justice and for their good will. The suggestion was also made to the members of the congregation that when they next had occasion to visit their favorite department store they should ask to see the manager and speak to him something as follows:

"I have dealt with you for years and I like your store, but you advertise in the *Daily Dash*. Now the editor of the *Dash* is most unfair to us Catholics. If you support his paper, I shall cease to deal at your store."

Within three days the managers of all large department stores in the city had spoken to the advertising manager of the *Dash* winged words of no uncertain import. On the third day the editor of the *Dash* wrote piteously to the pastors in question, to beseech some mercy. He was told that all the Catholics asked for was just consideration and the truth. He retracted, and so the matter ended; but from that time to this the *Dash* has been singularly pure of bigoted effusions, and all the other papers of that town show an alert and ticklish care in dealing with Catholic subjects.

To a papist, that sort of suggestion is delightful. It justifies the cowardly boycott, not only against publishers who offend popery and its agents but against merchants who advertise with such publishers.

Cowards wilt before such an attack, and the bold bluff of an organized boycott is too often effective with those who are otherwise right but temperamentally timid. The pope's agents already have enough following in the average American city to rely on boycott-tips as a means of silencing criticism or opposition on the part of the press.

How far is this sort of thing to go? How much freedom of the press can survive such attacks so long as they are successful? It surely requires no argument to persuade a free people that such bluffing cannot be tolerated without popery finally dominating all the usual avenues of publicity. But what is to be done about it?

The first thing to be done is for the American people to realize and recognize that Rome is determined to club all critics of its game into silence. When the papist press confesses its tactics as plainly as in the article we reprint from *The Queen's Work*, none need doubt the intention to use it for all it can accomplish.

And when the mass of law-abiding citizens are once aware, and convinced of the dirty, contemptible, and underhanded methods resorted to by these agents of popery, trust the public to right the wrong.

A really game publisher or merchant can defeat a Roman Catholic boycott by taking the public into his confidence and by letting the world know what is going on. Unfortunately, many of them lack the willingness to war for their rights.

Their disposition to back down and be "curbed" is as foolish as it is unfortunate; but such is one weakness of human nature. Until the mass of mankind learn to what extent popery is the enemy of fair play, papal agents can not only practice, but openly preach to their dupes, the use of this coward's weapon.

Press dispatches tell how the Irish of New York hissed the name of Admiral Sims when it was mentioned at one of their seditious gatherings in that city. It is evident where the snakes went to when St. Patrick banished them from Ireland. They hiss the president's name with equal readiness; but there is no record of their making that characteristic noise of a goose or snake when their friend and ally, the onetime kaiser, was the subject of public discussion.

The patriots of Syracuse, New York, know how to discriminate when it comes to the election of commissioners to administer their city schools. At the recent election there were four commissioners to elect. Each party ticket, Democrat and Republican, offered four candidates, two of each set papists and two Americans. The four Americans were elected by unquestionable majorities and the four papists were as definitely defeated. Good work.

The pope's Knights of Columbus are buying and building club rooms in many cities; and in some of them, as at Easton, Pa., where their property valued at \$25,000 has been declared immune from taxation, they escape the taxes that Freemasons, Oddfellows and other loyal fraternities have to pay. If that is not giving aid and comfort to the enemy, what better name or description could be given it?

The Irish in Rome do as the Romans do and as their Roman monarch commands.

POPERY IN GERMANY THE SAME AS HERE

Blocks, Reconstruction and Peace with Papal Demands

Berlin, via Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—Archbishop von Finkhaber of Munich today launched Catholicism's war against the present government of Germany, which it is predicted will play a big part in the election next spring.

In the presence of Papal Nuncio Pacelli, the archbishop attacked the Weimar constitution because it ignores religion and because God is not mentioned in the text of official oaths, and religious instruction in the schools is not provided. He advised the thousands attending a big conference to refuse to take "the ungodly oath," even in tax matters.

His utterances outline the important part the platform of the Centrist party will play in the coming campaign.

The foregoing news item from the *Chicago Tribune* shows that popery and its political agents in Germany do not differ materially in their purpose and program from that of the pope-serving fraternity in the United States.

They are at war with the new German government because it "ignores" religion. They are at war with the United States government for the same reason though they do not dare to state their opposition to American liberal government in such bellicose terms.

What Rome always means by "ignoring religion" is failure to give its own particular brand of religion special consideration and advantage. Ignoring religion is nothing more or less than separating church and state so each may go its way and do its work independently of the other.

Suppose the new German government were to identify the reconstructed state with religion—what particular religion should they adopt? Would it please the pa-

pists to have Germany made a Lutheran state? Of course not. What they want is to have the new German state made Roman Catholic. Moreover these papists operating in Germany are nifted because there is no provision for religious instruction in the schools. Papal agents are equally dissatisfied because religion is not taught in the public schools of America. And would they be pleased if the Protestant Bible and Protestant faith were introduced into American schools? No, because what they want is to have garbed nuns teach popery in the public schools of America, Germany and every other country.

The archbishop mentioned talks like a Sinn Feiner when he advises those who may heed him to not take "ungodly oaths" prescribed by their government. The Centrist party, which is the Roman Catholic political party of Germany, is playing about the same part in Germany that its kind are attempting here—to block reconstruction, embarrass those who are working for peace, and to keep the public divided and tumultuous with the hope of organized Jesuitism forcing concessions as the price of settlement.

Religion, so far as popery and its agents are concerned, is a mere subterfuge and an excuse for attempts to bring the nations under papal control.

Seventeen hundred delegates to the recent Baptist convention of Alabama, held at Birmingham, representing fifty-five per cent of Alabama's population, have adopted strong resolutions condemning popery and papal meddling in American affairs.

With all their display of treason and determination to prevent peace, the Sinn Fein Irish are harmless compared with the Jesuits who inspire them.

THE MILLION-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

Your Money Will Soon Be at Work in Many States—The Dollars Are Coming In and the Speakers Going Out

THE MILLION-DOLLAR fund for extraordinary campaign of education is not to be collected and laid away in a napkin. They will be nimble dollars—every one of them. They are already coming in, and they are already going out.

Big presses at THE MENACE printery are busy producing millions of leaflets. It took more time to organize, advertise, and start the speakers; but a definite campaign will begin in western Illinois on Dec. 2. Its speakers will then go into Ohio and from there into Pennsylvania.

This first team in the field consists of the Rev. Harry Green, from Boone, Iowa; the Rev. W. L. Brandon of Springfield, Mo.; and the Rev. Basil E. Newton of Stroud, Okla. They will lecture in the order mentioned at the following places and on the following dates:

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 2-9-16; Plymouth, Ill., Dec. 3-10-17; Decatur, Ill., Dec. 4-11-18; Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 5-12-19; Danville, Ill., Dec. 6-13-20; Joliet, Ill., Dec. 7-17-21; Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 8-15-28; Freeport, Ill., Dec. 9-16-29; Rockford, Ill., Dec. 10-17-30; Chicago, Dec. 11 and 12, 18 and 19, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

From Illinois this team will go into Ohio and from there to Pennsylvania. Advance men are now covering Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan. In a few days another advance man will start across the continent toward the Pacific coast, and preparations are already under way for the lyceum in Iowa and adjoining states as well as in Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

So you can see that the million dollars asked for are not going to rust in storage. Those already contributed are doing their work; and this campaign will go forward with all the pressure you give it.

Of course it all depends on the friends of American freedom—on you who make this your business and its success your concern. You know what the so-called Friends of Irish Freedom are doing, and that is but a fraction of Rome's effort to defeat peace and keep papal claims in the foreground. If you have not already enlisted for the big drive, the attached coupon is for your use.

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THE FREE PRESS DEFENSE LEAGUE, Aurora, Missouri.

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